

**REMARKS**

**Restriction Requirement**

Applicants herein acknowledge the restriction requirement in the above-referenced application. Claims 1-32 are currently pending in the application. The Office has identified the following groups of claims as being drawn to separate inventions:

Group I – claims 1-17, drawn to a rocket motor, classified in class 102, subclass 381.

Group II – claims 18-32, drawn to a method of rupturing a case, classified in class 102, subclass 282.

Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-17, without traverse.

**Information Disclosure Statement**

Applicants note the filing of an Information Disclosure Statement on August 21, 2003, and note that no copy of the PTO-1449 was returned with the outstanding Office Action. Applicant respectfully requests that the information cited on the PTO-1449 be made of record herein.

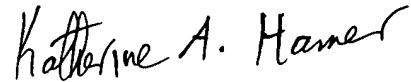
**Preliminary Amendment**

Applicants' undersigned attorney notes the mailing of a Preliminary Amendment on December 4, 2003, which filing was not acknowledged in the outstanding Office Action. Should the Preliminary Amendment have failed for some reason to have been entered in the Office file, Applicants' undersigned attorney will be happy to have a true copy thereof hand-delivered to the Examiner.

**CONCLUSION**

An early Office Action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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